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Mr. Ben Bearden, State Medicaid Director  
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Dear Mr. Bearden:

I am pleased to inform you that your amendment request for the Louisiana Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (HCBSW) No. 0200.90.R1.03 has been approved with an effective date of September 1, 2001. As authorized under the provisions of section 1915 (c) of the Social Security Act, this HCBSW program assures continuity of community services for former nursing facility residents with mental retardation or related conditions who are found, through the PASARR process mandated by OBRA 1987, to require services at the level of an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR). This amendment has been assigned control number 0200.90.R1.03 which should be used in all future correspondence regarding the program.

Specifically, this amendment adds nursing services, provided by either a LPN or RN, to medically fragile individuals who meet two or more of the criteria listed in the definition for nursing care and who require home health services beyond the limitations in the State Plan.

The following estimates of utilization and cost have been approved:

Year	Unduplicated Recipients	Factor "D"
5	7,551	\$29,676

For your convenience, a copy of the approved amendment is included with this correspondence. If you have any questions, please contact Gerardo Ortiz at 214-767-2084.

Sincerely,

James Randolph Farris, M.D.  
Regional Administrator

cc: Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations  
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